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Peoples National Bank.—President, G. W. W. Naudain; Cashier, Geo. D. Kelley; Teller, W. G. Lockwood. Bank Building on East Main Street.

Citizens National Bank.—President, Joseph Biggs; Cashier, John S. Crouch; Teller, F. Davis. Bank Building on South Broad Street.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

Middletown Council, No. 2, Jr. O. U. A. M. Meets every Monday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Union Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M. Meets first Tuesday of each month in Town Hall.

Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F. Meets every Thursday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Damon Lodge, No. 12, K. of P. Meets every Wednesday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Welcome Conclave Heptasophs. Meets every second and fourth Friday night in K of P. Hall.

Union Lodge, No. 6, A. O. U. W., meets every 2d and 4th Tuesday night in McWhorter's Hall.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Volunteer Hose Company, meets first Friday night of each month in Hose House.

THE CHURCHES.

Bethesda M. E. Church.—Rev. C. T. Wyatt Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 2 p. m., A. G. Cox, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, Thursdays at 7.30 p. m. Women's Foreign Missionary Society, first Friday night of each month. Women's Home Missionary Society, first Thursday night of each month. Official Board meeting first Friday evening of each month at 7.30 o'clock. Sunday morning class, 9.30, Louis Fennimore, leader. Tuesday night class, 7.30, the pastor. Wednesday night class, 7.30, A. G. Cox.

Forest Presbyterian Church.—Rev. F. H. Moore, Pastor. Services held every Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7.30. Sabbath School will be held every Sabbath morning at 9.15 o'clock, J. Fletcher Deakyne, Supt. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Young People's Society Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Junior Society Christian Endeavor every Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

Services at Armstrong's Chapel the first Sabbath of each month at 3 p. m.

St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church.—Rev. Wm. J. Wilkie, Rector. Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month at 10.30 a. m. On all other Sundays at 7.30 a. m. Divine services every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Morning Prayer and Litany every Wednesday and Friday at 9.30 a. m. Evening Prayer on Wednesdays at 7.30 p. m. and on Friday at 3.30 p. m.; during summer months at 6 30 p. m. On all Holy Days service at 9.30 a. m., Sunday School at 9.45 a. m. Adult Bible Class at 7.45 p. m. on Wednesdays. The Guild meets every Thursday at 2 p. m., the Junior Auxiliary on Saturdays at 3 p. m. and the Woman's Auxiliary on the second Friday of each month at 2.30 p. m. The rector conducts service in Odessa in the room under the Hall on the first and third Sundays of each month at four o'clock, and at St. Mary's Chapel, Townsend, on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at half past three.

DELAWARE NOTES

The Democratic League of Wilmington celebrated its sixth anniversary Monday evening.

Rev. W. S. H. Williams has bought the John S. Atkins farm, near Georgetown, for $3000.

Scott Methodist Episcopal Chuuch, Wilmington, will soon celebrate its fiftieth anniversary.

Mrs. M. Ellen Mackle has bought the Calch property, on Main street, Newark, from Walter Courtis for $5250.

Sheriff-elect Emmitt F. Stidham, of New Castle County, has appointed George A. Elliott his attorney.

George H. Baynum, station agent at Milford, is a candidate for clerk of the Senate, being backed by Union Republicans.

Rev. Asbury Burke, of Frankford, has been invited to become pastor of Wesley Church, in Wilmington, for the next conference year.

Burglars attempting to enter the residence of William Geer, near Rose Hill, were frightened away by Mr. Geer firing a pistol at them.

E. Wallace, a brakeman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, who had two legs cut off, has been appointed special officer to look after the coal cars.

The Delaware Cotton Mills Company, of Wilmington, which was compelled to shut down owing to a lack of coal, resumed operations Monday.

Another advance in the price of coal is expected in Wilmington because dealers are compelled to purchase their supply from independent operators.

Frank Geiso, a section laborer employed on the Pennsylvania Railroad, in the West Yard, Wilmington, was run over by a shifting engine and killed.

Joseph C. Jolls, recently elected Clerk of the Orphans' Court of New Castle County, bonded Monday, his sureties being State Treasurer Martin B. Burris and J. C. Alston.

Dr. L. W. Munhall, of Germantown, Pa., was the speaker at the Opera House meeting in Wilmington Sunday under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Owing to an increase in the price of coal and the higher tax rates, office room rents in the Ford and Equitable buildings of Wilmington have been increased and a general increase in the rates of dwellings is expected with the new year.

ADDICKS MEN MAKE FIRST MOVE

The Addicks Republican members of the new Legislature will issue an invitation to all the Republican members of the Legislature without regard to faction to assemble in the hall of the House of Representatives at 8 o'clock on the evening of Monday, January 5th, and there caucus for the purpose of organization only.

The Addicks men declare that there will be no talk concerning the United States senatorial situation, but all the Republican members, forgetting the differences that divide the party, shall meet together and make an equitable division of the officers to be filled by both houses, choosing the same by caucus, share and share alike and agreeing to stand by these selections.

There is persistent rumor that the Democrats, in order to accomplish the utter rout of Addicks at the very outset, would offer all of their twentytwo votes to the Regular Republicans without asking any return, so that every office within the gift of the legislative houses may be filled by anti-Addicks Republicans. The Addick men deny that the Democrats will have anything to do with the organization of the House.

FOUR INJURED

Ten Pound Can of Powder Explodes in a Sussex County House.

ROOF WAS CARRIED OFF.

Charles Magee, his two children, and a neighboring woman, are lying in a critical condition at Mr. Magee's home near Dagsboro, Baltimore hundred, Sussex County, the result of the explosion of a can of powder on Friday last. At the same time part of Magee's house was blown to atoms.

A party of young men had arranged to call at Magee's house on Friday morning to go rabbit hunting and Magee and the neighboring woman, who acts as a house keeper to the family spent the greater part of the morning filling cartridges from a ten pound can of powder.

They had about completed the work when an explosion took place, That part of the house where the persons were at work was wrecked. The roof was blown across the adjoining field a distance of over 200 feet, the side walls were levelled and the occupants injured to such an extent that the attending physicians have little hopes of their recovery.

From the ruins Magee was taken bleeding. He was able to tell what had occured. The woman and the children were pinoned to the floor by the wreckage. They were unable to talk and showed that in addition to the external bruises they were suffering from internal injurious. By this time Mr. Magee had recovered sufficiently to attend to his own injuries. Then he took a horse from a stable and rode to the residence of a doctor in Millville but by the time he reached there he was completely overcome and had to be taken home in a wagon in which a mattress had been placed.

In speaking of the explosion Mr. Magee said that the housekeeper had a number of the cartridges in her lap when the explosion took place and that her escape from instant death was miraculous. He cannot account for the explosion, except that some grains of powder fell accidently on the stove. In the filling of the cartridges some powder was spilled and when the grains on the stove went off the powder on the floor caught fire. Magee was about to pick up the can to take it to an out house when the explosion took place.

JUDGE GRAY AS PEACE-MAKER

Honors and hard work seem to be the lot of Judge George Gray, of Wilmington. The announcement made Saturday morning that the Venezuelan trouble would be referred to the Hague International Arbitration Board means more fame, and at the same time grave responsibility for the distinguished Delawarean.

He is now in Wilmington enjoying a short rest before he takes up his work as chairman of the Coal Strike Commission. The end of the work of that board is not yet in sight. Testimony is still being heard. After it is all in the hardest work, that of sifting the testimony, will begin. It will be months before it is finished.

It is not known when it is proposed to have the Hague tribunal start on its great task. Besides Judge Gray, the other Americans on the board are Oscar S. Straus, Chief Justice Fuller and John W. Griggs.

Judge Gray already has an enviable international reputation. He made a fine record as a member of the United States Senate from Delaware. The late President McKinley recognized his ability when he named him a member of the Paris Peace Commission, which drew up the treaty between Spain and the United States after the Spanish-Amerian War. As a Federal Judge he has received nothing but commendation. President Roosevelt paid him a compliment when he named him on the Strike Commission.

WILMINGTON BENEFITED

It seems to be the general belief of railroad men that Wilmington will be the terminus of the New York division of the Pennsylvania railroad, and the beginning of the Washington division.

Two of the strongest arguments made in favor of that city as a terminus in the fact that Wilmington is almost centrally located between Washimgton and New York, and the fact that the large roundhouse being built at Todd's Cut.

At present the terminus is at Philadelphia, but the company is badly handicapped for room, and it is generally understood the terminus will be moved.

With officers of the superintendent removed to Wilmington, the erection of the immense car shops and other buildings at Todd's Cut, and the building of a large elevated station, Wilmington promises to become the principal railway centre of the United States. In view of these things, it is considered peculiar that the name of Wilmington should have been elminated from the name of the company and the matter still rankles in the breast of Wilmingtonians.

Statement by Mr. Browne

Hugh C. Browne Monday evening said in regard to the report that he would be appointed deputy clerk of the Orphans' Court: "There is not a word of truth in the report. I am not, nor have I been in any way, a candidate for that or any other position. I never entertained the thought of such a thing and I am sure Mr. Jolls has not. I wish you would, for both Mr. Jolls and myself, deny the truth of this report in the most emphatic terms. I cannot imagine who is responsible for this report."—*Morning News.*

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IT PAYS TO DRESS NEATLY

ESTHER BUCKINGHAM.

Every girl will do well to remember that literally it pays to dress neatly. This does not simply mean that the neatly-attired girl adds to her own self-respect and the gratification of her friends by her tasteful appearance, but that it actually pays from a financial point of view to dress neatly; that there is a return in dollars and cents, or enough in the saving to amount to the same thing.

Good grooming and neat dressing are far more a matter of care than cash; and almost every young girl who is willing to sacrifice a little of her own time to the undertaking, can contrive to dress tastefully without adding to the financial burdens of the family. She can, in fact, lessen the burden by shopping aud dressing intelligently by buying sensibly, and wearing carefully every article of clothing.

Of course, to achieve an air of daintiness in dress will mean a certain enlay at the beginning, but far less than one would thiuk.

Every girl who has a stated sum of money to spend on the detail of her wardrobe—and every girl should have an allowance, no matter how small—should plan exactly how she will portion out her money before starting out to shop.

If, for instance, she is arranging to buy all the dainty and real necessary accessories for the fall school days, she will decide upon what the really essential articles are, and then select the most practical and of the best quality to be gotten for the money. If she can have but one belt, it will be a plain leather, tan or black, as better suits her full dresses. The extravagant girl would spend the same amount for a satin or velvet belt with fancy buckle, which in a month's time would be frayed or crushed, and then would argue that, because she had no money for a new one "she could not afford to dress neatly," while she really had enough money, but not enough common sense.

In a question of gloves the neat girl buys stout gloves of some dark color, of castor or dogskin, and when they are soiled cleans them with gasoline. Light tan or gray suede gloves cost no more in the first place, but do not last a quarter as long, and show soil after the first few days. It is always economical to buy a second pair while the first are still strong enough to do for stormy days. To appear well dressed it is necessary to give attention to every detail of the wardrobe. The girl who has bought a tan-colored belt will remember to buy a tan-colored purse. If her fall and winter dress is blue, she will select a blue umbrella; if black, a black umbrella. She will have the umbrella silk, if possible, and always neatly rolled, and when not in use encased in a silk cover. One very economical girl has been known to carry her cotton umbrella hidden in a silk cover, which only cost her a quarter.

The realiy wise girl selects one color, and so far as possible dresses within the radius of that color. She decides whether navy blue, brown, dark green or black suits her complexion best, and then adopts the becoming hue as a standard by which she dresses. Thus her umbrella, parasol, ribbons, gloves, etc., are in harmony from season to season. Navy blue she varies with gray, scarlet, tan and white; green with light green, tan, pink, red and even certain shades of blue; brown with tan, yellow, blue and pink; black with endless variety of tones. But in the main she is carerul to stick to the preferred hue.

In the matter of neckwear the neat girl is most fastidious. She spends her money as judiciously as possible in the first place, and takes a great deal of care of all her treasured knick-knacks. She buys only a half-dozen collars and makes sure that those are of the newest styles. She wears at least three a week, and if she is compelled to be very saving, she takes the time to learn how to launder them herself. She has but a few ties, preferably wash ties, and these are the correct styles. She learns how to tie them in the latest fashion, and is never seen with one put on carelessly or in any way worn or wrinkled. And all this is a matter of time and care, not money. The careless girl buys white satin neck ribbons that are fresh but a few times, and fancy stocks that crush and fade, and then frets about the amount of her allowance.

The girl who intends to get the most out of her allowance makes a point of pressing out her ribbons and neckties at least once a week. She always rolls up her belt at night, folds away her veil, keeps the bindings of her skirts in order, and mends her gloves and stockings with mathematical precision. If she has domestic accomplishments she will find that her knowledge of sewing and ironing enables her to dress better than half the girls with twice her allowance. Her school hat is plain and lasts several seasons, for there are no feathers or flowers to droop or fade. She never wears her prettiest clothes on rainy days, but has her old ones in the best of order for bad weather. Her handkerchiefs are of the plain hemstitched variety, instead of the cheap embroidered sort that ravel out in the wash.

Socially the well dressed girl has a prestige that is invariably attached to good form and style. If she undertakes a business career she will find her good taste and daintily refined appearance an open sesame to any variety of occupation, from serving in a shop to pleading at the bar. Out in the world as a wage earner the neatly-dressed girl will actually receive better payment for her services, while the stay-at-home girl who has learned economy and care in clothing herself will have the satisfaction of really saving money in the management of her dainty attire.—*Word and Works.*

Early this year a Court-martial will be held in the armory, at Wilmington, to try those who have failed to report for drills and did not attend annual inspection.

THE ROAD'S BILL

Senator Artemas Smith Will Introduce the Matter in Legislature.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ACT.

Attorney Martin E. Smith is preparing a bill which will be presented by his brother, Senator Artemas Smith, at the coming session of the Legislature. The bill relates to good roads and will be one of the important matters which will be aeted upon by the General Assembly.

The document provides for general repairs to the King's Highway, commonly known as the State road, and all other branch roads leading to it. For the most part the bill provides that the State road must be macadamized and all branch throughfares shelled.

The Legislature will be asked to make an appropriation for this purpose. It would take from five to ten years to build the road as provided in the bill.

A YEAR BOOK AND GUIDE

You frequently hear mention of dead languages. Well, some facts are even deader, but these are not the kind that The Tribune Almanac deals in. By way of verifying that, just take a cursory glance over the issue for 1903, which is now on sale. It is not an Almanac in the dictionary sense of the word, but is really a ready reference and guide book, containing everything that such a compilation ought to have. And the material has been garnered and sifted and tested with the utmost care so as to secure absolute accuracy, or at least get as near to it as honest, painstaking endeavor will bring one.

Herein will be found a perfect gold mine of information on topics of interest, not only to every American, but likewise to all who care to know about us, our laws, population, officials, and so forth. (And, by the way, if you have any friends in Europe, just send them a copy and see if they don't appreciate it.)

There isn't anything missing in the way of records which the average man will want to know about. It doesn't matter what the subject—game laws, pension legislation, sporting statistics, facts about universities, colleges, patriotic population, public officials, to say nothing of a condensed guide to New-York City, a map of the underground railroad system, showing the location of stations, and a table telling railroad distances, fares, etc.

In fact, it is really not an exaggeration to say that of the hundred and one things a sane person wants to know, at least ninety-nine will be found in The Tribune Almanac.

RARE VOLUME OF MARYLAND LAWS

Louis H. Dielman, assistant librarian of the Maryland State Library, has just discovered a rare and valuable volume of Maryland laws—probably the oldest printed volume of Maryland statutes extant. It was printed by Andrew Bradford, in Philadelphia, in 1718, for Evan Jones, publisher, of Annapolis. When discovered the volume was without title page, but by investigation of its contents and by other evidence Mr. Dielman was able to identify and retitle the work. The volume is of folio size and beautifully printed.

Among the acts is one entitled "King George and His Successors Most Justly Acknowledged."

A copy of William Parks' Edition of Maryland Laws has also been found in the library. It was printed at Annapolis in 1723. Parks was the first Maryland publisher of a newspaper—the *Gazette*—begun by him at Annapolis in 1726. The Maryland Historical Society has a few copies of this publication. The first printed copies of Maryland laws were printed at Annapolis by William Bladen in 1700. No copies of this work appear to exist.

JUDGMENT AGAINST THE DOMINIE

The ownership of a dress suit case brought former Secretary of State John D. Hawkins and Rev. Charles I. Stengle, former chaplain of the State Legislature and now of Virginia, before Magistrate Wood in Dover Monday. When Mr. Stengle was visiting friends in Dover for the holidays and Mr. Hawkins had served upon him a "forthwith" for a settlement of their differences.

Mr. Hawkins showed that he was a guest at the wedding of the chaplain of the Legislature. In the hurly-burly of preparing for the wedding journey the clergyman discovered that he did not have sufficient capacity in his grips and satchels. Mr. Hawkins volunteered his suitcase, which he valued highly. Mr. Stengle took it, departed for the honeymoon trip and that was the last Mr. Hawkins saw of his traveling outfit.

In his defense Mr. Stengle offered evidence to show that he had started on its way back to Dover, but that did not apparently satisfy the Magistrate, for he gave judgment against the defendant for $15.38.

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From present indications Elkton will shortly have better lights. The Electric Light Plant has been improved by the installation of a new dynamo, which will be run in connection with the old one.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29, 1902.

THE greatest triumph in the Roosevelt administration has just been scored in connection with the Venezuelan situation. Although the settlement of the anthracite coal strike has been brought closer home to the majority of the people, the skill and diplomacy with which the allies have been brought, first to an acceptance of arbitration as a settlement of their difficulties with Venezuela, and then to the acceptance of the Hague Tribunal as the arbitrator, constitute an even greater triumph for the President and his Secretary of State. The Monroe Doctrine has been not only maintained but strengthened. Venezuela is about to be saved from further hardship and will be insured a just settlement of the claims against her and all possibility of friction between the United States and either or both of the interested powers has been averted. Once persuaded that arbitration was the proper course, the allies doubtless largely inspired by personal admiration for the President, insisted that he must act as arbitrator, a course to which there were many objections. At no time did Mr. Roosevelt positively refuse to so act, but he intrusted to the skillful diplomacy of Secretary Hay the task of making the powers see that the present situation offered a most advantageous opportunity of demonstrating their confidence in the tribunal which they had themselves sanctioned and that the imposition of so onerous a task on the President was akin to taking advantage of good nature. That Mr. Hay has been eminently successfui in this delicate undertaking is proven by the announced willingness of the powers and of Venezuela to submit all matters in dispute to the Hague.

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Another and distinct triumph for the President and the Secretary of State is to be found in the terms of the Cuban treaty which have been made public this week. In return for a uniform concession of 20 per cent. from the Dingley tariff rates allowed on Cuban goods, the United States secures the same discount on all goods entering Cuba, and in numerous instances, much greater concessions, the highest being 40 per cent. on such goods as manufactured woolens and cottons, rice, watches, umbrellas, etc. So extensive are these special discounts that it is freely admitted they will afford this country an absolute monopoly of the Cuban trade. Even with the 20 per cent. off the sugar schedule, the producers of sugar in this country will enjoy a protection amounting to one and one-third cents per pound against Cuban competition, and as most of the sugar growers are producers of other agricultural commodities, they will be more than compensated for any slight loss on sugar by the advantages gained in other lines. The officers of the administration express confidence that the treaty will meet with the prompt approval of the members of Congress, and that it will be ratified within the stipulated period, the month of January.

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In the midst of the anxiety occasioned by the Venezuelan situation, Germany and Great Britain have filed protests with the State Department against what they term a violation of the open door policy in the administration of the Philippine tariff. It seems that with the consent of Congress, the Philippine Commission imposed an export tariff of $7.50 per ton on Manila hemp and fiber, but that this duty is rebated when the goods are shipped to the United States. This course has seriously affected English manufacturers of twine and rope who are no longer able to obtain the raw material at the prices to which they have been accustomed. Secretary Hay, in view of the fact that Philippine affairs are still under the jurisdiction of the War Department, referred the protest to Secretary Root, and he in turn has sent it to the Philippine Committee of the Senate. It is generally held, however, that the protest is not well grounded. No advantage has been taken for exports from the United States to the Philippines, all nations enjoying the same advantages as does this country. It is not possible, it is claimed, to maintain the open door policy to the same limit as it is done in China for instance, for the reason that China is an independont nation, whereas the Philippines are a possession of the United States and stand before the world more in the light of colonies. It is proverbial that nations seek for themselves the utmost advantage in their colonies, and the authorities say that the United States has been exceptionally liberal in its administration of Philippine affairs.

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Secretary Shaw said to-day that he did not believe it would be possible to secure currency legislation at this session of Congress. While he regarded it as possible that the House would pass the Fowler bill, authorizing the national banks to issue currency based on their assets, he feared that it would be impossible to secure consideration by the Senate of a measure which would provoke such extensive discussion. While there was no haste about the proceedings of Congress before the holidays, when the members return to Washington and come to a realization of the fact that less than two months remain before the Congress will expire by limitation, they will be absolutely unwilling to take up any measure likely to precipitate extended debate. They will have, of course, to pass the regular appropriation bills and these become every session more extended and complex, requiring a vast amount of committee work in addition to the time necessary to explain their provisions on the floors of the Senate and the Honse. Secretary Shaw says he will continue his campaign of education and hopes to have so influenced public opinion before the Fifty-eighth Congress convenes, as to secure prompt and favorable action on the bill.

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COUNTY FINANCES

The Levy Court Held Last Meeting on Tuesday for 1902.

THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT.

The last meeting of the Levy Court for 1902, was held Tuesday morning, and as far as possible all business for the present year was cleared up. Adjournment was made until next Tuesday, when the court will be reorganized for 1903. It is thought that Merritt N. Willits will be re-elected president.

There will be but one change in the members of the court. Caleb Canby Hopkins, who was elected Levy Court commissioner at the recent election, succeeds S. Frank Ewart, whose term expires to-morrow. Mr. Ewart was appointed by Governor Hunn about one year ago to succeed John Lynn. The retiring member of the court is an Addicks Republican, while his successor is a Regular Republican.

President Willits, who has been a member two years, and chairman of the court one year, made a few remarks in regard to the work of the court during the past two years. Mr. Willits said during the two years he had been a member of the court the floating debt of the county had been reduced $50,000, and the bonded debt $40,000. There is a balance in bank to the credit of the county of $169,093, and the court practically owes but about $10,000. Mr. Willits said: "I consider it a good and grand showing, and we can make an equally as good showing in the future." During the past year the tax rate was also reduced 10 cents on one hundred dollars.

Mr. Willits stated that there is $47,300,000, assessable property in the county and he thought the county can be carried with a tax rate aggregating $250,000. He complimented the county officials for the economical way in which their business had been conducted during the year. In concluding, he wished the members of the court a Happy New Year.

MARYLAND NOTES

Morris L. Horner was appointed postmaster at Ashland Monday.

Colonel William Jennings Bryan will deliver a lecture in Baltimore during February on the "The Prince of Peace."

Holland's Island Methodists will likely extend an invitation to the Wilmington M. E. Conference to meet there next year.

While the term of Mrs. Lucas, as postmistress at Chestertown does not expire until December next, a number of candidates will be after the place before that time.

A sink-box belonging to the Perry Point Ducking Club, was stolen from their shore along the Susquehanna river, near Perryville, a few nights ago. The members offer a reward of $50 for the arrest and conviction of the guilty party or parties.

A peculiar horse disease, known as "cracked lip," has made its appearance in Kent county. Some years ago the same disease killed a number of horses in that county. The trouble is supposed, to be due to the feeding of decayed corn of which there is an excessive amount this year.

The Susquehanna and Tidewater Railroad Company and the Baltimore and Harford Railroad Company have consolidated. The merged road will be known as the Tidewater and Susquehanna River Railroad Company. The capital stock is $1,300,000. The road will run from Havre de Grace to Wrightsville, Pa.

C. H. Messick, the well-known contractor and builder of Cecilton, has bought a large tract of heavy set timber land—old growth yellow pine and poplar—in North Carolina, where he will put up a saw mill. He expects to ship considerable lumber for the rebuilding of the burned district of Centreville. Mr. Messick is an energetic business man, and has built about fourteen houses in Cecil County this year.

DATES OF INSTALLATIONS

The following dates for installation of officers have been announced by Grand Chancellor Samuel H. Carson of the Knights of Pythias:

Washington Lodge, No 1, of Wilmington January 6th; Lafayettee Lodge, No. 2, of Wilmington, January 3d; Lincoln Lodge, No. 3, of Wilmington, Jannary 6th; Clayton Lodge, No. 4, of Wilmington, January 8th; Osceola Lodge, No. 5, of Newark, January 12th; Champion Lodge, No. 6, of Wilmington, January 7th; Excelsior Lodge, No 7, of Wilmington, January 2d; Adelphia Lodge, No. 8, of New Castle, January 26; Morning Star Lodge, No. 9, Grubb's January 14th; Central Lodge, No. 10, of Dover, January 5th; Damon Lodge, No 21, of Middletown, January 28th; Active Lodge, No. 14, of Felton, January 14th; Oriental Lodge, No. 13, of Wilmington, January 16; Diamond Lodge, No. 16, of Marshallton, January 9th; Red Cross Lodge, No. 17, of Delmar, January 12; Hobah Lodge, No. 18, of Seaford, January 5th; Talleyville Lodge, No. 19, of Talleyville, January 19th.

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Church Canvass of Wilmington

Members of the Sunday School Union Monday decided to send out 500 persons, who will make a canvass of Wilmington, to find out how many people attend churches or Sunday schools. Then efforts will be made to reach those who do not attend by evangelistic meetings.

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OUR THIRTY-SIXTH VOLUME

With this issue, THE TRANSCRIPT starts its 36th volume. We deem it proper at this time to thank our friends for the hearty support extended to us during the two years that has passed since we assumed the management. We have shared in the prosperity of the community and we certainly have reasons for thanksgiving. It has been our aim to publish a clean newsy paper, and the best assurance that we have succeeded is in the increased number of subscribers and the large demands on our advertising space, necessitating several supplements during the past year. We have in view the making of certain changes in the near future that will result in a larger and better paper. Again thanking all our friends, we extend to one and all our best wishes for a prosperous and happy New Year.

THE COUNTY OFFICES

On Tuesday next, the last of the Democratic county officials leave the Court House to be succeeded by Republicans, and for the first time since the Civil War the entire control of New Castle County will be in the hands of the Republican party. The net result of two years management of the finances of the county by a Republican Levy Court has been a reduction of ten cents per $100 in the tax rate and a promise of another like reduction of July 1st of this year. Mr. Willits as President of the Levy Court and chairman of the Finance Committee has made an excellent record and it is to be hoped that he will be re-elected, or at least, that the system which he has adopted will be continued.

THE ROADS QUESTION

The demand for improvement of the public roads becomes more general every day. The people are in earnest on this matter and will not be content unless something be done. The only fear is that too much insistence upon matters of mere minor detail may result in no action. We do not entirely agree with *Evening Journal's* suggesions which seem to be in the nature of a make shift, but we commend the conclusion to think more of ways and means and less of technical fault finding.

When the platforms of the respective parties were written everybody was in favor of goad roads. The planks calling for legislation on the matter were adopted with a whoop, and not a protest was made. Recently, however, opposition has begun to develop, not to good roads, but to any measure which has that end in view, which after all amounts to the same thing. Some say the State should take charge of the matter; others urge that it be left to the respective counties, and there is a growing disposition to antagonize every definite proposition which might result in accomplshing the desired result.

Why not a serious of bills covering the whole subject? We would suggest a bill under which the State should take the State road under its control, and by a system of improvement offer an object lesson to all other road builders. This road running from one end of the State to the other might be macadamized, and put in a condition to last. In the English colonies roads have been built by convicts, which have proved to be excellent for a half century.

It has been suggested that the State issue bonds for the necessary funds and create a sinking fund by which the indebtedness could be wiped out in a few years. Let us all think more of ways and means and less of technical fault-findings.

BOHEMIA MANOR ITEMS

Mrs. Annie B. Berry is spending this week with Dover relatives.

Rev. Wilmer C. Gray, of Philadelphia, is spending sometime with his uncle Mr. R. L. Gray, near Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Anna B. Berry entertained a number of young friends in honor of her daughter Miss Effie, at "Shady Lawn.

The cracked-lip disease has reappeared among Kent County stock. It was quite serious in the same locality some years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Jones and daughter have returned home, after spending the holidays with her parents at "Shady Lawn."

One night last week the shed fell down on the farm of Mr. Isaac Gibbs, tenanted by Mr. King, killed a fine pair of young mules and a bull.

Miss Sallie Racine is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Racine on the Manor. Miss Racine has been attending school in Baltimore.

ST. GEORGES ITEMS

Irving Gray is spending sometime in Philadelphia.

Miss Louise Ellison spent Sunday with Miss Marion Clark.

E. W. Jester, of Wilmington, visited relatives here last week.

Miss Annia Straub, of Farnhurst, visited her mother here last week.

Charles J. Butler, of Camden, N. J., called on friends in town Friday.

Mr. Tuschmascher, of Philadelphia, called on friends here on Saturday.

Mrs. F. Welsh and sons have returned from a visit to relatives in Chester, Pa.

William R. Pennington spent part of last week with his family at Fairville, Pa.

Walter Dempsey, of Pittsburg, Pa., is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Laura Jones.

The Misses Clark entertained Misses Julia and Anna Ellison, of Glasgow, on Sunday.

C. M. Riley was an over Sunday visitor with W. G. Cox and family near town.

H. C. Gray and family visited William Crumpton and wife near Glasgow, part of last week.

Our young people are enjoying the skating which is said to be very good on the coves.

Rev. W. L. Gray spent Sunday with his uncle, Richard Gray and family on Bohemia Manor.

Miss Sooy, of Wilmington, has been the guest of her friend, Miss Sara Milligan this week.

Ground has been broken for a new dwelling for S. O. Gibbons on the south side of the canal.

Mr. and Miss Jessup, of Swarthmore, Pa., have been visitors at the Manse for the past few days.

William Jones, of Chester, Pa., is spending several days with his mother, Mrs. Laura Jones.

Thomas Crossland, of Salem, N. J., has been paying a visit to his parents, J. R. Crossland and wife.

Miss Nellie Hollis, of Philadelphia, is spending this week with her aunt, Mrs. Joseph G. Crossland.

William J. Atkins, wife and son have been the guests of M. J. Gray and wife during the past week.

Misses Lina and Carrie Bendler, of Port Penn, are guests of their mother, Mrs. Charles Bendler.

Misses Blanche Jones and Beaulah Dolson spent Friday with J. P. Vandegrift and family, near McDonough.

Walter G. Dempsey, of Pittsburg, Pa., and Miss Lida Price spent Sunday with Miss Elsie Rickards at State Road.

Miss Olivia Paynter has resigned her position as saleslady in the general merchandise store of James H. S. Gam.

Miss Blanche Jones entertained Miss Agnes Vandegrift Dilworth and Bayard Vandegrift, of McDonough on Saturday.

L. J. McWhorter had the misfortune to lose two valuable horses this week, the cause is supposed to have been straw fever.

D. C. Wolf and family have been entertaining her brother, Charles Wright, wife and daughter, of Baltimore, for the past few days.

Miss Florence Jamison, of Philadelphia, has been enjoying the Holidays with her parents, Clarence Jamison and wife near town.

Rev. J. H. Geoghegan and wife attended a family dinner party at the residence of J. W. Carrow, Sr., near Mt. Pleasant, Thursday.

The repeatition of the drama "Just for Fun" by the young people of the Presbyterian Church in Central Hall, Dela ware City on Tuesday evening was a great success in every particular.

The sad news of the death of Dr. I. S. Vallandigham, of Middletown, was received here with deep regret as he was a great favorite, having resided here for twenty years. His widow has the sincere sympathy of the town and community.

At a congregational meeting of the Presbyterian Church on Sunday, D. B. Stewart was elected elder to succeed James M. Vandegrift deceased, and Messers William Janiver, Clarence Pool, William Ellison, Miles Clark and R. T. Cann, trustees. The ordination will take place on Sunday January 4th.

SALES TO TAKE PLACE

Tuesday, January 13th, 1903.—Sale of Stock, Farming Implements, etc., by E. H. McWhorter, on the road leading from St. Georges to Summit Bridge. Geo. E. Davis, Auctioneer.

Tuesday, January 20th, 1903.—Public Sale of Stock, farm implements, household goods, &c., on the farm known as the "Brown Farm," near Mt. Pleasant, by Douglas Cochran. W. J. Smith, auctioneer.

Wednesday January 28th, 1903.—Public Sale of Stock, farm implements, household goods, &c., by S. T. Davis, on the "Jamison Farm," 2½ miles east of Mount Pleasant. W. J. Smith, auctioneer.

Wednesday, February 11th, 1903.—Public Sale of Stock, farm implements, &c., by William C. McCoy, on the Julian Cochran farm, one mile southwest of Middletown, on the road from Middletown, to the Levels. W. Harman Reynolds, auctioneer.

Thursday, February 12th, 1903, at 10.30 o'clock, A. M.—Sale of Stock and farming implements by Elwood B. Cleaver, on the Brady home farm ½ mile south of Mt. Pleasant. Joseph M. Armstrong, auctioneer.

Tuesday, February 17th, 1903, at 10 o'clock, A. M.—Sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Otho Marvel, on the "Watkins Farm," near Noxontown Mills. Joseph M. Armstrong, auctioneer.

Wednesday, February 18th, 1903.—Administrators Sale of Stock, Farming Implements, etc., by C. S. Goldsborough, on the "Price Farm," near Warwick.

Thursday, February 19th, 1903.—Public Sale of Stock, farm implements, &c., by James L. Dickinson, on the "Appleton Farm," 1½ miles southeast from Middletown.

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Public Sale!

The undersigned, intending to discontinue farming, will sell at public sale, at his residence on the farm known as the "Brown Farm," 1½ miles southwest of Mount Pleasant, Delaware.

Tuesday, Jan. 20, 1903,

At 10 o'clock, A. M.,
The following Personal Property, to-wit:

Ten Head of Horses and Colts.

No. 1—Charlie, bay horse, 6 years old, good driver, and a good work horse.

No. 2—Brownie C., brown horse, 4 years old has been broken, and shows speed, one of Alcontare's colts.

No. 3—Lottie, black mare, 9 years old, in foal by Prince March, he by Del. March, with a rocord of 2.11¼, good driver and worker, no road too long for her, and safe for a lady to drive.

No. 4—Tom, bay horse, 11 years old, a fine work horse.

No. 5—Dollie, bay mare, 9 years old, no better work horse in the State.

No. 6—Lucy, bay mare, 14 years old, a good work mare.

No. 7—May, dun mare, 13 years old, good worker and fair driver.

No. 8—John, bay horse, 9 years old, will weigh 1,300 lbs., and work anywhere.

No. 9—Dan, black horse, 2 years old, has been broken to the road, and goes good, Dan Murphey stock.

No. 10—Dick, black colt, coming 2 years old, the largest colt I ever saw for his age, he is one of Belliford's colts.

12 Milch Cows.

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Pigs—Ten fine Shoats, weighing from 60 to 70 lbs.

Farming Implements, &c.

Two good Farm Wagons, 1 Milk Wagon, 1 York Carriage, good as new; 1 Buggy, 1 Buckeye Binder, in good order; 1 Buckeye Mower, 1 Horse Rake, good as new; 1 Spring Tooth Harrow, in three sections; 1 Buckeye Sulky Cultivator, 1 Sulky Ohio Cultivator, used but one season; 1 Twin Harrow, 2 Hand Cultivators, 1 three-horse Oliver Plow, No. 40; 1 three-horse Syracuse Plow, 1 two-horse Oliver Plow, 1 one-horse Oliver plow, 2 good Hay Riggings, 1 set Carriage Harness, nearly new; 1 Carriage Pole, in good order; 2 sets Wagon Harness, 8 sets Plow Harness, Bridles, Collars, &c. Also, ½ interest in 80 acres of wheat in the ground.

Household Goods.

Two Oak Bedroom Suits, 1 Table, 1 Couch, 1 Oak Hat Rack, Chairs, 1 Double Heater, 1 Cook Stove, in good order; 2 Kitchen Tables, Chairs, Benches, &c.

Terms of Sale.

On sums of $20 and less, Cash; on all sums over that amount a credit of ten months will be given by purchaser giving a bankable note with approved endorser, interest added. No goods to be removed until terms of sale are complied with.

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Public Sale!

Will be sold at Public Sale at the home of Mrs. Clarence Jamison, on the road leading from St. Georges to Summit Bridge, one and one-half miles south of St. Georges, Del.,

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1903,

At 11 o'clock, A. M.,
The following Personal Property, to-wit:

4 Head of Horses

No. 1—Nellie, bay mare, 9 years old, an all around good mare, sound and gentle, will work and drive anywhere, with foal.

No. 2—Nancy, bay mare, 5 years old, fine driver, sound, with foal.

No. 3—Dora, brown mare, 9 years old, can be driven by lady or child, and no better driver ever harnessed, will work anywhere.

No. 4—Hatton, black horse, 11 years old, an honest, strong, good horse.

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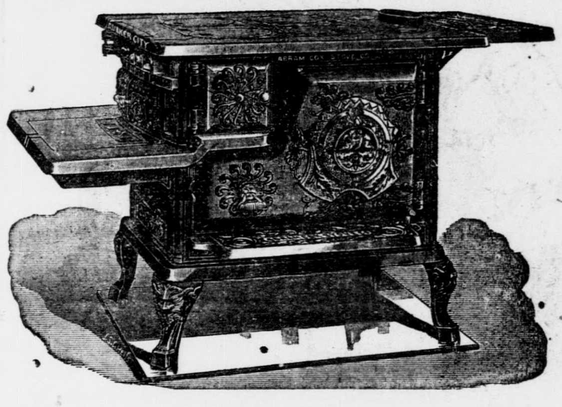

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BY HATTIE ANTLEY FAIRCHILD.

It was a bare, desolate room in a tenement house in a Southern city. On a rickety table in one corner stood a broken vase, which still showed remnants of its pristine beauty as the light of a stray sunbeam shone through its ruby depths. A long-stemmed, withered rose which it held was doubtless a reminder of some happier hour. The occupants of the room were a mother and her three children, a puny babe, a little girl, perhaps three years of age, and a boy about seven years her senior. There was nothing about the room to suggest that the family had ever been comfortably placed as regards this world's goods, save the broken Venetian vase, but the face of the mother as she bent over her wailing babe, trying to soothe and still its cries, bore the traces of what had once been the most refined type of beauty.

Only one short year ago, Mary Derwent and her little family had been living in comparative comfort, but suddenly her husband lost his position as head clerk in a large establishment which, owing to the pressure of the times, had failed. Unfortunately, he fell seriously ill of a fever which completely prostrated him. By degrees their small savings were expended, then the best of the furniture was sold, for they were too proud to ask help, and so they went from bad to worse, until they only had the poor bed, the stove, table and two chairs, which now furnished in scant measure the little room in the tenement they called home.

Hugh had been out since early morning hunting for work, and his wife was growing momentarily more anxious about his prolonged absence. What could keep him? It began to grow dark. Pressing her pale face against the panes, she peered out into the street.

"Mamma, I am so hungry," pleaded a weak little voice from the bed. "Can't I have something?"

"Oh, Harry, what shall we do? Sister wants something to eat," cried Mrs. Derwent, putting her arms around her boy's neck.

"Mamma, don't cry, I will go out again; perhaps I'll get something this time, and perhaps I'll meet Papa. I won't come back without something this time," cried Harry. "Now, see, Mamma, if I do. Please do not cry!"

"Oh, where will you go, my poor little darling, where will you go? Your clothes are too thin to go out in this wind. I cannot, cannot let you go!"

But Harry was off; he had no time to lose. He had no time to lose, indeed, if he meant to reach the great publishing house in Broad Street. It was fully five o'clock and he must be there before six, and it was such a long, weary walk for a little fellow.

Poor child, he was old for his years. The trouble he had seen about him for the past year had taken all the childishness out of him, and now he had but one thought, and that was how he should help along in their great trouble. Little Mary must have bread, and so must Mamma and poor Papa, who had been out all day. As for himself, so excited was he in the new resolve that had taken possession of him, that he forgot how faint and hungry he was. On and on the little fellow trudged; the crowds were surging past him, for it was the holiday time, but he heeded them not. He couldn't help taking a little look in passing the windows of the shops, which were now all aglow with electric lights, and gay with the colors of their tempting wares. He was an earnest little lad, so he scarcely heeded the temptation to linger which would have been so strong for most little boys. On and on he sped toward the great building in which was centered his hope for relief for poor Mamma. Yes, he felt sure he should take back more than bread to little Mary and Mamma. He wondered whether Papa was home, and whether he had found any work, and so on and on through the crowded streets he proceeded, little minding cold or fatigue so long as he was nearing his destination in time.

Meanwhile, Hugh Derwent had dragged his weary way homeward. He had met the usual rebuffs, the usual refusals, some rudely uttered, some gently worded, for there were men who were touched by his pallid face and the hopeless expression of his countenance. Mary listening for his footsteps, for it was now too dark to see the passersby on the street, caught a faint, uncertain sound as of someone tottering on the stairs. Opening the door, she discerned the figure of her husband coming wearily up, step by step, but, oh, so slowly. Soon she had him clasped in her arms. No need for him to repeat the sad story of failure again, she knew it when he touched her cheek with his cold lips.

"Where is Harry?" were the first words he spoke after regaining his breath, for he was quite exhausted by the exertion of mounting the steep staircase.

"He's gone out, dearest; I couldn't stop him. Mary cried for something to eat, and the little fellow rushed out, determined to do something. Don't be frightened, Hugh, God will take care of him, and of us too. We must not hide our trouble from your aunt any longer; it isn't justice to our children."

Where, meantime, was little Harry, and what was his object in visiting the great publishing house of Ford & Company? Looking at the huge, seven-story building, with all its windows ablaze with light, you would wonder what purpose the child had in mind.

Nearly a year before, Mary Derwent, when the beginning of their troubles had come, had mailed a story to the *Manhattan Magazine*, entering the competition for a prize of five hundred dollars which had been offered for the best story of ten thousand words. Mary Derwent in her happier days had written verse which had been accepted and published. The prospect of coming trouble had stimulated her as it has many another, to literary effort, in the hope of giving her family the helping hand. Poverty had knit this little family into a closer and more intimate union than ordinarily exists in families, and they had talked things over together, but long since Mary had ceased to wonder about her story, giving it up for lost.

The thought of it came as an inspiration to small Harry, and he meant to beg money for the story; that was his errand. "Surely," thought the child, "the good editor will buy it if he knows how hungry we all are."

Harry's tired little feet at last reached the large building where the *Manhattan Magazine* was published, and through his earnest solicitation he was admitted to the editorial rooms, where he told his errand. After some questioning, he was informed that Mary Derwent's story had won the first prize, and as she had sent no address except "City," they had forwarded the check to the General Delivery Office.

It was far, so far to the Post-Office, but that letter would buy bread, so Harry trudged bravely on. At last he was there. There were two letters, one for his father. He clutched them tightly in his thin, small hand and started for home. How far it was! If he could just hold out to get there! A pain came in h's head and everything turned dark around him, despite the electric lights.

There was an elegant gentleman sauntering leisurely along, looking almost bored by the mere fact of existence. Harry stopped a moment, passing his hand over his eyes as if to clear away the mist, before attempting the muddy crossing.

What made everything turn around so? Suddenly there was an outcry as a little form went down in the mud and slush, right in front of a carriage dashing furiously onward. Poor little one, poor, weak, little child! A moment more and the cruel hoofs of the madly driven horses will trample the brave little life out.

But no a strong arm clutches them, and with almost superhuman strength forces them back on their haunches, as the child struggles to his feet. It was the listless gentleman, a Mr. Mayo.

"Oh, thank you, sir," grasped Harry.

"Ah—don't mention it, sonny; let me help you across," and he grasped the muddy, ragged sleeve in his daintily gloved hand, and nearly lifting the slight form, swung him over. The child reeled and would have fallen, but he caught and held him.

"I can't go on, and they are so hungry at home. Please take this letter to mother—I—I can't see."

The gentleman signaled a hack and lifted Harry in, taking a seat beside him.

"Now, where do you live?" he inquired.

Harry roused sufficiently to give directions, but immediately sank back almost fainting.

Mr. Mayo suddenly exclaimed, as if a thought had just struck him which was very surprising: "I believe the boy is starving," and he stopped the hack in front a restaurant and ordered a glass of milk, a glass of sherry and some brandy and water, the only things he could think of just then.

The hackman said dryly:

"That ain't no fitten stuff for folks whut's starvin'! The milk will do, but bread and meats whut he needs."

"Well, bring them," and a generous supply was brought forth.

A slow smile dawned on the face of the gentleman as the boy ate.

"Ah, what a remarkably good appetite! I feel surfeited myself watching you."

Harry's appetite appeased, they proceeded.

Mr. Mayo scanned the addresses on the letters which he had taken.

"Mary Derwent—sounds familiar, somehow."

They arrived at the mean tenement and Harry asked Mr. Mayo up-stairs. "For mother will want to thank you," he said.

"I don't care for thanks, but I would like to see the owner of that name—must be someone I have known."

They crossed the upper hall, which was dimly lighted by a poor lamp, and Harry opened the door to the darkened cheerless room. By the faint light from the lamp they could distinguish the two drooped figures by the empty stove.

"Mother," called Harry, "oh, Mother, I bring good news. Here's money; your story won first prize, and here's a kind gentleman who saved me from being run over. Now Mary and all can have something to eat."

Mr. and Mrs. Derwent could not realize the sudden transition from despair to hope. They sat as if dazed. Mr. Derwent came forward at last, and in a broken voice tried to speak his thanks.

"Why, haven't you a light?" inquired Mr. Mayo.

"Oh, sir," said Harry, who had revived wonderfully since eating, "we had no madey to buy anything."

Mr. Mayo stared. He had never come in close contact with poverty before.

"Here, take my purse and get light and ah—something to eat."

Mr. Derwent was again thanking him, while Mrs. Derwent was weeping tears of joy and thankfulness.

She sprang up and grasped both of the young man's hands, crying hysterically:

"God sent you to save my children from starvation. This evening I begged for bread, begged it, and the baker refused me. But what wouldn't a woman do for her children?"

Harry soon came back with a light and a basket of food and handed the purse back to Mr. Mayo.

"I only took enough for to-night for mother has money now."

Mr. Mayo emptied the purse on the bed, where Mrs. Derwent was already feeding little Mary who ate ravenously.

The mother had less to eat than any, but mother-like, thought of self last.

Mr. Mayo bowed himself out, promising to call on the morrow, silently wondering that he, of all others, should be the one to play Providence to a poor family.

The second letter which Harry brought proved to be an urgent invitation from Mr. Derwent's aunt in the country for him and his family to spend New Year's with her, the second day from this. How gladly they left the close, comfortless room for the spacious old farmhouse among the hills!

The day was glorious, the air balmy as if Indian summer had come again. The mother watched with shining eyes the hills and fields by which the train sped imagining she could see some slight improvement in her loved ones at each mile they spanned. They were stronger, for nourishing food works wonders.

When they reached the home station and crowded into the large family carriage, she threw wide the windows to let in the golden sunlight and health-giving breeze from the pine lands.

Was ever a day more royal than this?

Mr. Mayo, who, having called to see the Derwents the day previous, Mrs. Derwent took the liberty, in her great happiness, to invite him out too, presented himself, to his own and her astonishment, as they were going out to dinner in the large handsome old dining-room.

There was just enough frost in the air to make the wood fire acceptable, yet the musk roses looked saucily in at the wide windows and nodded a welcome, while large vaces full of flowers breathed out their hearts in fragrance.

The crowning event of the day came when Mr. Derwent was giving a second helping to the turkey. The dear old aunt announced that, as he would be her heir, it was his duty to remain there and keep up his property; she was tired of living without children in the house. "And what is more, I am not going to any longer," she declared with emphasis.

"Ah, Mrs. Derwent," said Mr. Mayo after dinner, as he swung lazily in a hammock under a large oak tree, "I found out why your name sounded so—ah, familiar; there was a little mistake. My cousin wrote a story for competition, and took a fancy to sign 'Mary Derwent,' having heard it somewhere, perhaps. She told me about it and—"

"Then it was her story instead of mine which won the prize?"

"Her story was called 'Evelyn' I think."

"That accounts for it; the letter that contained the check said 'Evelyn,' by Mary Derwent.' Mine was 'Evangeline,' but I thought they had made a mistake."

"Ah, quite a coincidence," said Mr. Mayo, "but you sha'n't lose by it."

"I can't lose now.

Had Harry not gone to the Post Office, he would not have met you, and had you not succored us at that critical time we would have died, and but for the check we could not have come out here."

"So you stole your New Year's Mary," said her aunt, as she shook her fat sides in laughter, but the heir to 'Pinelands,' your farmer husband (as he is to be,) can easily replace it.

Would you believe that that gay young fellow driving the cows from the pasture with Harry helping little Mary make mud pies, swinging the baby in the hammock, peeling potatoes with a check apron on, was the dandy who stood at the street crossing with his cane in his mouth, almost refuting the statement that "God made him in His own image?"

Well, he is the identical young swell, who has been out at Pinelands several weeks, and says he intends staying several more.

"In fact, Mr. Derwent," he said, "I am in love with Pinelands, and I intend you shall adopt me as a brother. Let me put my money in improvements on the plantation, and instead of making 'duck and drakes' of my capital, I will buy ducks and drakes and quit making a goose of myself."

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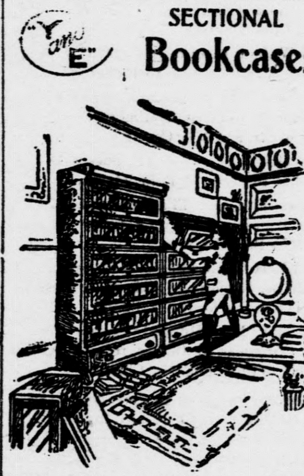

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	83	85	89	21	91	93	97
	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Philadelphia	§ 6.10	§ 7.40	§ 10.16	§ 2.16	§ 3.[illegible]0	§ 5.59	‖ 11.21
Baltimore	4.10	6.32	9.13	1.18	2.50	5.07	7.53
Wilmington	7.37	8.28	10.58	3.04	4.02	6.58	12.04
Farnhurst	f 7.46	f 8.37	...	f 3.13	...	f 7.07	..
New Castle	7.52	8.42	...	3.18	4.15	7.12	...
State Road	f 7.57	8.47	.	f 3.23	.	f 7.17	...
Bear	f 8.02	f 8.52	.	f 3.28	i 4.21	7.22	...
Porter	8.07	8.58	j 11.22	f 3.33	4.29	7.27	...
Kirkwood	8.12	9.03	e 11.25	f 3.38	..	7.32	...
Mt. Pleasant	8.21	9.12	..	f 3.47	..	f 7.40	...
Armstrong	8.25	9.16	..	f 3.51	.	f 7.44	..
Middletown	8.31	9.21	11.40	3.56	4 4	7.50	12.49
Townsend	[illegible]	9.30	.	4.02	5.04	7.58	..
Blackbird	f [illegible]	f 9.34	.	f 4.12	...	i 8.02	...
Green Spring	8.43	f 9.39	..	i 4.17	.	f 8.07	..
Clayton	f 8.50	9.45	11.57	4.22	5.18	8.13	1.08
Smyrna Lv.	8.59	9.35	11.47	4.12	5.08	8.08	...
Brenford	f 9.06	f 9.50	...	f 4.27	...	f 8.18	...
Cheswold	f 9.11	f 9.56	.	f 4.32	...	f 8.23	...
Dupont				f 4.35		..	.
Dover	9.20	10.05	12.13	4.42	5.37	8.33	1.27
Wyoming	9.26	10.11	f 12.19	4.48	5.43	8.39	1.35
Woodside	f 9.39	f 10.18	...	..	f 5.50	i 8.46	...
Viola	f 9.43	f 10.22		.	f 5.54	f 8.50	...
Felton	9.48	10.27	12.30	.	5.59	8.55	1.49
Harrington	10.01	10.38	12.43	...	6.10	9.06	1.59
Harrington Lv.	..	§ 10.40	.		§ 6.14	..	..
Georgetown	..	11.34	..	..	7.08	..	..
Berlin	..	12.32	..	..	8.06	..	..
Ocean City (B. C. & A. Ry) Ar.	..	12.45	..	..	*† 10.35	..	..
Farmington	f 10.09	f 10.46	..	..	f 6.18	f 9.14	...
Greenwood	10.17	10.54	12.58	..	6.26	9.22	...
Bridgeville	10.25	11.02	1.06	..	6.34	9.30	2.22
Cannons	f 10.30	f 11.07	..	..	f 6.39	f 9.35	...
Seaford	10.40	11.15	1.17	..	6.48	9.44	2.34
Laurel	10.50	11.24	1.27	..	6.58	9.54	2.45
Delmar	11.00	11.34	1.36	..	7.08	10.04	2.55
	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.

NORTHWARD.

	EXP.	MAIL.	EXP.	MAIL.	PASS.	EXP.	PASS
	82	86	90	92	84	94	96
	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Delmar	‖ 1.08	..	§ 7.06	§ 8.01	§ 11.46	§ 2.10	§ 3.30
Laurel	1.19	..	7.16	8.11	11.55	2.20	3.42
Seaford	1.31	..	7.28	8.24	12.06	2.30	3.57
Cannons	.	..	f 7.36	f 8.31	f 12.14	...	f 4.05
Bridgeville	1.44	..	7.42	8.37	12.20	2.42	4.12
Greenwood	..	..	7.50	8.45	12.28	f 2.50	4.2[illegible]
Farmington	..	..	f 7.58	f 8.53	f 12.36		f 4.28
Ocean City (B. C. & A. Ry)	..	..	...	§ 6.40	.	..	..
Berlin	..	..	..	6.56	..	..	..
Georgetown	..	..	..	8.06	..	..	..
Harrington Ar.	..	..	..	8.53	..	..	..
Harrington	2.17	..	8.10	9.08	12.46	3.06	4.43
Felton	2.27	..	8.19	9.18	12.54	3.15	4.5[illegible]
Viola	...		f 8.23	f 9.22	f 12.58	.	f 4.57
Woodside	...		f 8.27	f 9.26	f 1.02	...	f 5.02
Wyoming	2.42	§ 7.01	8.34	9.33	1.[illegible]9	f 3.28	5.10
Dover	2.49	7.07	8.40	9.40	1.16	3.34	5.17
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Kirkwood	...	8.09		10.42	2.[illegible]	.	6.21
Porter		8.15	9.40	10.47	f 2.17	4.34	6.26
Bear	...	f 8.2[illegible]	...	10.52	f 2.22	...	f 6.31
State Road	...	f 8.25	..	f 10.57	f 2.27	...	f 6.36
New Castle	...	8.31	9.58	11.02	2.32	.	6.41
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"a" Stops to leave passengers from Wilmington and points north, or take passengers for points south of Delmar.

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"i" Stops to leave passengers from Middletown and points south.

"j" Stops to take on passengers for Cape Charles and beyond.

"p" Stops to leave passengers from points south of Delmar, or take passengers for Wilmington and points north.

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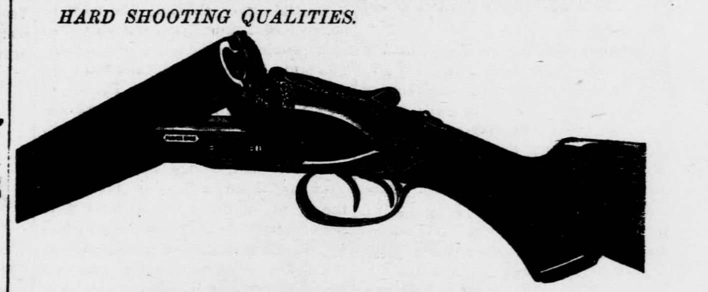

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